

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2005. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 21-56 are in the case.

Claims 21, 28, 29, 32, and 35 were amended to better claim the invention.

Claims 41-56 were added to better claim the invention.

At Paragraph 5 of the Office Action Claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Bird et al. U. S. Patent No. 6,526,341 B1 issued February 25, 2003 (hereinafter Bird).

Applicant's claimed novel invention, as set forth by representative claim 35, comprises in part:

35. (Currently Amended) A system for discovering and maintaining geographic location information for network sites, the system comprising:
 means for generating physical coordinates corresponding to the location of a first network entity;
 means for loading the physical coordinates generated for the first network entity into one or more network messages; and
 means for sending the one or more network messages to a selected intermediate network device for storage thereby, and the one or

more network messages correspond to an emergency call from the source entity.

Bird discloses an automobile mobile unit which keeps track of driver activity, and reports back to a central office using a communications system such as a cell telephone or a radio system. The drivers position is recorded using a satellite system or by using a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver. (Bird Col 4 lines 33-62).

Applicant respectfully urges that Bird is silent concerning Applicant's claimed novel ***means for sending the one or more network messages to a selected intermediate network device for storage thereby, and the one or more network messages correspond to an emergency call from the source entity.***

In particular, Applicant respectfully urges that Bird has no disclosure of Applicant's claimed novel ***and the one or more network messages correspond to an emergency call from the source entity.***

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully urges that Bird is legally precluded from anticipating Applicant's claimed novel invention under 35 U.S.C. 102 because of the absence from Bird of Applicant's claimed novel ***means for sending the one or more net-***

work messages to a selected intermediate network device for storage thereby, and the one or more network messages correspond to an emergency call from the source entity.

At Paragraph 6-14 of the Office Action, Claims 21, 22, 28-31, 35, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sandhu et al. U. S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0145561 A1 published October 10, 2002 (hereinafter Sandhu).

Applicants invention, as set forth in representative claim 21, comprises in part:

21. A system for discovering and maintaining geographic location information for network sites, the system comprising:

a portable computing unit having a location discovery entity, a message generator configured to generate network messages, and a communication facility for transmitting the network messages onto a computer network; and

a location generator configured and arranged to determine physical coordinates for its current location, the location generator coupled to the computing unit for providing physical coordinates thereto;

whereby,

the discovery entity and the message generator cooperate to acquire physical coordinates from the location generator for a given network site, and to load the acquired physical coordinates into one or more network messages, and

the communication facility transmits the one or more network messages containing the physical coordinates to a designated network entity; and

the one or more network messages correspond to an emergency call from the source entity.

Applicant respectfully urges that Sandhu is silent concerning Applicant's claimed novel *the one or more network messages correspond to an emergency call from the source entity*.

That is, Sandhu does not disclose the use of Applicant's claimed system with the novel claimed feature of *the one or more network messages correspond to an emergency call from the source entity*.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully urges that Sandhu is legally precluded from anticipating Applicant's claimed novel invention under 35 U.S.C. 102 because of the absence from Sandhu of Applicant's claimed novel *the one or more network messages correspond to an emergency call from the source entity*.

At Paragraphs 15-16 of the Office Action claims 23 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu in view of Lin et al. U. S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0059420 published on May 16, 2002 (hereinafter Lin).

At Paragraphs 17-20 of the Office Action Claims 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sandhu in view of Fullerton, et al. U. S. Patent

Application Publication No. 2003/0197643 published on October 23, 2003 (hereinafter Fullerton).

At Paragraph 21 of the Office Action Claims 27 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu in view of Overton et al. U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/ 0032787 published on March 14, 2002 (hereinafter Overton).

Applicant respectfully notes that Claims 23 and 36, 24-25, 27 and 38 are all dependent claims, and are dependent from independent claims which are believed to be in condition for allowance.

At Paragraph 22 of the Office Action, Claims 32-34, 39 and 40 were indicated to be allowable if written in independent form. The independent claim from which each depends has been accordingly amended.

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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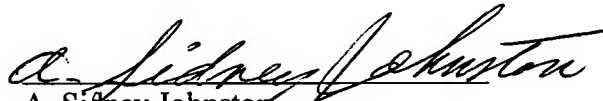
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All dependent claims are dependent from independent claims which are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, all dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Sidney Johnston", written over a horizontal line.

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